



Believing and Working Together Ephesians 2:8-10

Know What You Believe Ephesians 2:8-9

- **What Salvation is:**
 - Grace from God. Ephesians 2:7; I Timothy 1:12-16
 - Faith in Christ. I Corinthians 15:1-4
 - A gift of God. II Timothy 1:8-10
- **What Salvation is not:**
 - It is not of ourselves. Ephesians 1:3-5
 - It is not from our works. Titus 3:4-5; Romans 11:6
 - It is no reason to boast. I Corinthians 1:31; Jeremiah 9:23-24
- **Remember two important questions:**
 - If you were to die today, do you know that you would go to heaven?
 - If you were to stand before God in heaven, and He should ask you why should I let you into heaven, what would you say?

Live What You Believe Ephesians 2:10

- **What Salvation produces in us:**
 - We are a workmanship of God. II Corinthians 5:17
workmanship =
 - We are created in Christ Jesus for good works. What “good works” are you experiencing?
 - He prepared the good works “beforehand.”
 - He asks us to “walk in them.” Ephesians 4-6

***Which part of God’s workmanship in your life do you want to grow in?
Which one is most important at this time in your life?***

LifeGroup Discussion: How to Live What We Believe

We are God's Workmanship according to Ephesians 2:10. Below are areas of "work" that God is providing and perfecting in our lives. Which is the following is He working on in your life? Which ones would you like to experience more? Which one has been the most fulfilling for you?

My hope for a completed salvation of body, soul and mind is growing. Romans 8:10-11, 23

"If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you...And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body."

My prayer life is vital and real. Romans 8:26, 27

"In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

My Bible comes alive and gives me clear insights about life. I Corinthians 2:12-16

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ."

My witness for Christ is evident to the people that know me. II Corinthians 2:15-17

"For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things? For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God."

My suffering is more purposeful in revealing Christ to others. II Corinthians 4:7-12

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you."

My motives are more selfless to help other people. II Corinthians 5:15

"He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf."

My generosity is increasing in supporting God's work. II Corinthians 9:8, see also I Timothy 6:17-19

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything; you may have an abundance for every good deed."

My confidence in Christ is stronger in all experiences of life. Romans 8:38-39

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

My contentment with suffering is growing. II Corinthians 12:7-10

"Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

Next Steps:

1. **Join a LifeGroup to experience God's grace through friends.** Find out more info at Connection Point Central or at calvarylife.org/lifegroups
2. **Discover more about grace through joining the "Following Jesus" mentorship program** that begins Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 pm in the Lobby. Find out more at calvarylife.org/discipleship